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New National Phase Application Based on PCT/JP2004/003123

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims, without prejudice. The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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